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I feel that the current settlement is not even a slap on wrist given the egregious abuse of monopoly power and flagrant violation of the law that Microsoft has engaged in. The only sure way to cure Microsoft is a structural remedy. History has shown that any other approach will simply be ignored.

The language of the settlement is full of loopholes which can (and will!) be easily exploited by Microsoft to continue to shut out any meaningful competition. In particular the language against not-for-profits in Section III(J)(2), allows Microsoft to shut out competition from organization such as Apache Foundation and SAMBA.

I'll keep this short since there will many more detailed analyses of the shortcomings of the proposed settlement, but I do wish to register my displeasure at this weak document.

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